

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** A Certain Freedom

**Other known title(s):** A Certain Freedom: An Unbuttoned Look At Boyhood In Portugal (Including Madeira) Where Growing Up Is Nearly Always Fun

**OFLC ref:** 1200980.000

**Medium:** Book

**Author:** George Wayne Jacobs

**Publisher:** Perception Press Inc

**Country of origin:** United States

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** Secretary for Internal Affairs

<b>Classification:</b>	Unrestricted.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 18 January 2013

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 18 January 2013

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The book is a photographic record, published in 1968, of the seemingly free and untrammelled lives of young boys in seaside settings in Portugal and Madeira. It includes numerous photographs of naked boys playing in and out of the sea and an equal number showing them clothed and taking part in daily activities. A handful of photographs show boys in nude poses. However, these are placed in an authentic context where nudity is clearly seen as natural to young boys. A reasonable person would not be likely to regard the book as sexual in nature.

The book does not deal with matters of sex, or any other matters, under s3(1) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). Nor does it raise any issues under s3A or s3B of the FVPC Act. The book must therefore be classified as unrestricted. This classification is consistent with the right of freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.